

Attending Career Fairs

Why attend career fairs? Attending career fairs gives you the opportunity to meet with employers face-to-face, learn about internship and job opportunities, practice networking and schedule interviews.

Know before you go!

- Review the list of employers attending
- Review a map or layout of the fair (if available) to locate specific employers
- Research organizations you're interested in on organizational websites, social media and LinkedIn
- Review open positions with organizations you're interested in

Details to know and plan in advance:

- Date and time of the career fair
- Location of the career fair
- Where to park
- What to wear: **business professional**
 - Comfortable shoes

What to bring to the career fair:

- Padfolio and pen
- Resumes (5-10)
- Business cards
- Shoulder bag (optional)
- Confident, enthusiastic attitude!

Action items after the career fair:

- Assess your experience
 - How were your interactions?
 - What could you improve for next time?
- Follow up with the employers you met*
 - Via email within 24 hours
 - Send a handwritten thank you note
 - Connect on LinkedIn

*mention something specific you talked about

Prepare Questions to Ask Employers:

- Where do interns with your organization go on to work?
- What projects do interns complete?
- What do you think about (industry trend or topic)
- What is the most challenging part of this position?
- What skills are most important for an intern in this position?
- What do you like about your job?
- How did you get your start in this industry or organization?
- Are there opportunities for internal advancement?
- How long does a typical hiring process last?

Plan what you will say:

Remember your elevator pitch? This is the time to use it! Write down what you will say and practice saying it aloud.

TIP: After you've introduced yourself and shared your interest in a job or organization, turn the conversation back to the employer by asking them a question

Spring 2019 Career Fairs

Mizzou: Wednesday, March 6, 12-4pm @ Mizzou Rec
Columbia College: Thursday, March 7, 11-3pm @ Southwell Complex
Mizzou Health Professions: Tuesday, March 12, 12-3pm @ Mizzou
Moberly Area CC: Wednesday, March 13, 11-3pm @ Parkade Center
MOJOE (Education): Tuesday, March 19, 10-1pm @ Hearn Center